BALTIMORE CITY--COMMISSION FOR HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL PRESERVATION

CDBG SURVEY YEAR:13 AREA: Sharp-Leadenhall Vicinity SURVEY NO.: B-4180 MAGI NO.:0441808604

ADDRESS:1736 Westphal Street

CURRENT NAME:

BLOCK: LOT: HEIGHT:2 stories CONDITION: Good

LOT SIZE: MATERIALS: Brick

OWNER: ADDRESS:

ACCESSIBLE: No LIBER/FOLIO:

USE: Dwelling DESIGNATION:

HISTORIC NAME: DATE: ca. 1880 ARCHITECT/BUILDER: STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE):



1736 Westphal Street is a two bay two story, with raised basement, detached brick alley house located on the west side of Westphal between Bloomsberry and East Barney Streets south of the Sharp-Leadenhall Planning District of south central Baltimore, Maryland. The building has a flat roof with a bracketed molded wood cornice with decorative cutouts. The building maintains its original 1 over 1 windows with plain wood sills and segmental brick arches. The original door has been removed and the transom area filled in. Above the door is a segmental brick arch. The facade of the building has been painted white.

SIGNIFICANCE:

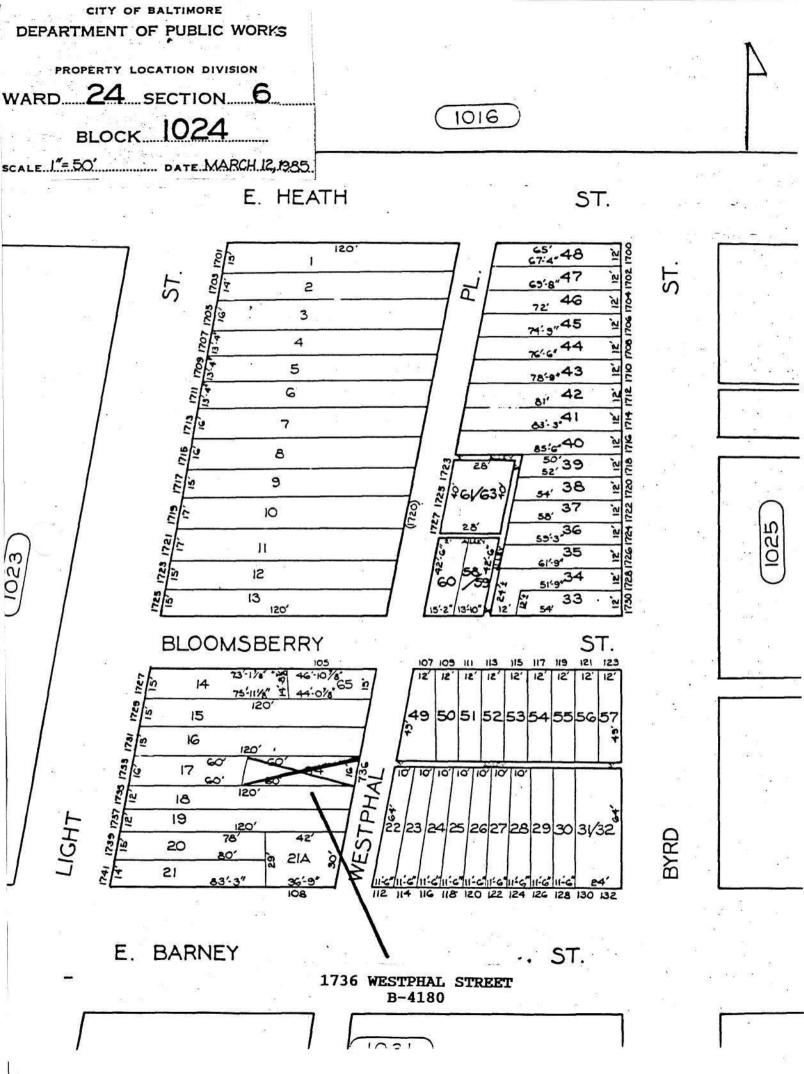
AREA: Architecture LEVEL:Local

1736 Westphal Street would be considered eligible for the National Register within a district of undetermined boundaries near the Sharp-Leadenhall Planning District. Even though 1736 is a detached house it was built in the style of a rowhouse, the dominant building type in Baltimore. For example it does not have windows on its sides, as though a building were to be attached to it. Sharp-Leadenhall is a name that was applied in the 1970s to a neighborhood in south central Baltimore that developed during the last half of the nineteenth century. The neighborhood has always been predominantly inhabited by the working class, serving as home to the people who made their living in port or railroad related jobs. Sharp-Leadenhall is located near both the harbor and Camden Station. Sharp-Leadenhall is also one of the first neighborhoods originally settled predominantly by blacks. It was common for blacks to live in alley dwellings, such as 1736, while whites lived on the major streets. As immigration increased at the end of the nineteenth century Irish and German immigrants also settled in the area. In 1869, at the time of the Sachse Bird's Eye View, the land encompassing this block of Westphal Street was undeveloped. The Bromley Atlas of 1896 shows not only that development had by that time spread south past Westphal Street, but also that a large number of manufacturers and factories, as well as the Consolidated Gas Company, were located in the area supplying a livelihood for the residents.

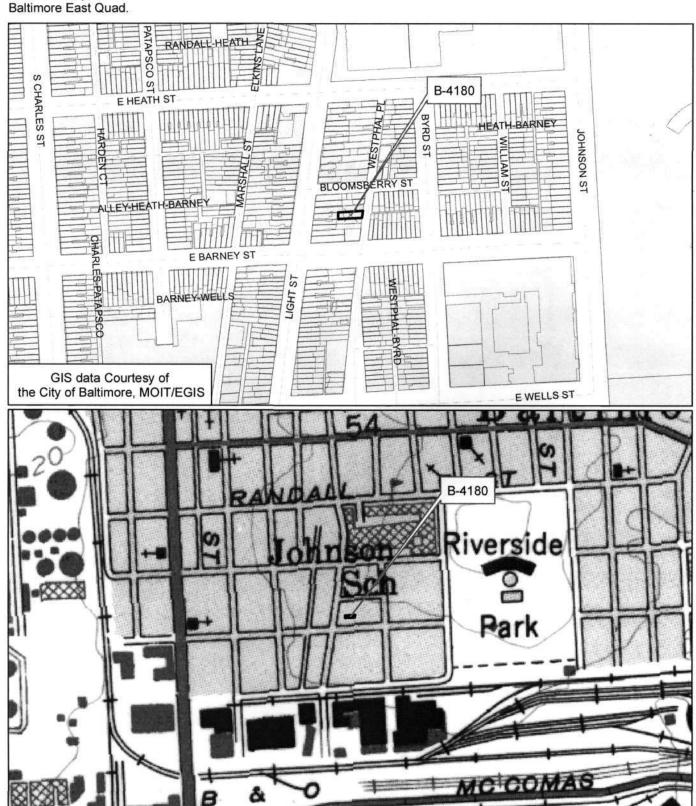
SOURCES: Bromley Atlas, 1896; Sachse Bird's Eye View of Baltimore, 1869; CHAP Files, Sharp-Leadenhall.

SURVEYOR AND DATE: Mary K. Mannix, October 1987





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East elevation